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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 HASANEIN A. YASER,

15 Defendant.

Case No: 4:21-cr-6042-MKD-4

Pretrial Diversion Agreement

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17 Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through Vanessa R. Waldref, United  
18 States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and George J.C. Jacobs, III,  
19 Assistant United States Attorney, as well as Defendant, HASANEIN A. YASER, and  
20 Defendant's counsel, Richard A. Smith, agree to the following Pretrial Diversion  
21 Agreement (the "Agreement"):

22 **I. Overview and Information**

23 1. In July 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District  
24 of Washington notified Defendant that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was  
25 investigating Defendant for Mail Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341.

26 2. Defendant waives indictment by grand jury and consents to the filing of  
27 an Information in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of  
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1 Washington, charging Defendant with one count of Mail Fraud, in violation of 18  
2 U.S.C. § 1341, as set forth below.

3 3. Defendant stipulates and agrees that Defendant did in fact violate 18  
4 U.S.C. § 1341 and that the United States could prove Defendant's guilt beyond a  
5 reasonable doubt. Defendant wishes to accept responsibility for this conduct.  
6 Accordingly, Defendant stipulates and agrees to the following facts, referred to herein  
7 as the "Covered Conduct":

8 a. On May 28, 2019, in furtherance of a scheme and artifice to  
9 defraud an insurance company out of money and property, Defendant participated in a  
10 staged automobile accident with Ali Abed Yaser, Insaf Karawi, Ameer R.  
11 Mohammed, and Seifeddine Al-Kinani on County Route 12, between Johnson Road  
12 and Missimer Road, in Benton County, Washington, in the Eastern District of  
13 Washington. The staged accident involved a 2009 Hyundai Sonata, driven by Ameer  
14 R. Mohammed with passenger Seifeddine Al-Kinani, being purposely driven into an  
15 unoccupied 2014 Lexus IS. As part of the staging, Defendant, Ali Abed Yaser, and  
16 Insaf Karawi exited the Lexus IS prior to the crash and watched Ameer R.  
17 Mohammed intentionally ram it.

18 b. At Ali Abed Yaser's instructions, and in furtherance of the scheme  
19 and artifice to defraud, Defendant subsequently sought medical treatment and filed a  
20 fraudulent insurance claim with State Farm Insurance Company in which he falsely  
21 represented that he had been injured in the accident. Defendant retained a personal  
22 injury lawyer to represent him. Unbeknownst to the personal injury lawyer, the  
23 accident was staged. As a result of his materially false and fraudulent representations,  
24 on June 3, 2020, Defendant knowingly, and with intent to defraud, caused to be  
25 delivered by U.S. Mail a State Farm Insurance Company check (no. 268822) payable  
26 to Defendant and his personal injury lawyer in the amount of \$5,250.00. The  
27 insurance check was mailed from State Farm Insurance Company to the State of  
28 Washington from outside the State of Washington.

1 c. Defendant admits that the accident was staged, no one was in the  
2 Lexus, and he had no physical injuries since he was not even in the Lexus IS when it  
3 was rammed.

4 4. On authority from the Attorney General of the United States, through  
5 Vanessa R. Waldref, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington,  
6 prosecution in the Eastern District of Washington for the Covered Conduct shall be  
7 deferred for 24 months. This 24-month period begins on the date this Agreement is  
8 signed by both parties and accepted by the Court.

9 5. The United States and Defendant stipulate and agree that the Court will  
10 maintain jurisdiction over this matter and that the Court shall be the final arbiter as to:  
11 (1) whether a party breached this Agreement, and if so; (2) the appropriate remedy,  
12 which may include either terminating the Agreement or modifying its terms. A  
13 modification may include extending the Agreement's 24-month period by an  
14 additional 12 months, for a total of 36 months.

## 15 II. Terms

16 Defendant stipulates and agrees to the following terms:

17 6. **Waiver of Constitutional Rights.** Defendant, by entering this  
18 Agreement, agrees to waive certain constitutional rights including (1) the right to a  
19 jury trial; (2) the right to see, hear, and question witnesses; and (3) the right to compel  
20 witnesses to testify. Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the above rights.

21 7. **Supervision.** Defendant stipulates and agrees to be supervised by the  
22 U.S. Probation Office during this 24-month period (or longer, if the period is extended  
23 by the Court). Further, Defendant understands the following:

24 a. Defendant shall not violate any federal, state, or local law. This  
25 term does not apply to minor civil infractions such as speeding.

26 b. If Defendant is arrested or has any official contact with law  
27 enforcement in a civil or criminal investigative capacity, Defendant shall notify  
28 Defendant's supervising pretrial diversion officer within two business days.

1 c. Defendant shall live within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District  
2 of Washington. If Defendant seeks to reside outside the District, Defendant shall  
3 notify and seek the approval of Defendant's supervising pretrial diversion officer so  
4 that appropriate arrangements in light of the Agreement can be made.

5 d. Defendant shall maintain employment in a lawful occupation.  
6 When out of work, Defendant shall notify Defendant's supervising pretrial diversion  
7 officer. In the event that Defendant becomes self-employed, Defendant shall provide  
8 evidence of such self-employment.

9 e. Defendant shall report to Defendant's supervising pretrial  
10 diversion officer as directed by the Court or U.S. Probation. Any failure to abide by  
11 the reporting requirements as established by the Court or U.S. Probation shall be  
12 deemed as an irrevocable violation of the Agreement.

13 f. Defendant shall not possess, control, consume, and/or use any  
14 illegal control substance, including marijuana, nor possess any firearm or ammunition  
15 for any firearm. Defendant shall not use alcohol to excess.

16 g. Defendant shall perform at least 24 hours of community service  
17 with an organization approved by U.S. Probation.

18 8. **Restitution.** As an express condition of this Agreement and the promises  
19 made by the United States herein, Defendant agrees to pay restitution to State Farm  
20 Insurance Company as follows:

21 a. Defendant agrees to pay restitution in an amount of \$1,200 in the  
22 form of \$50 per month installment payments for the 24-month period of this  
23 Agreement. Should the Agreement be extended to 36 months, Defendant's \$50 per  
24 month restitution payment shall likewise be extended, resulting in total restitution to  
25 State Farm in the amount of \$1,800. Any interest on restitution shall be waived.

26 b. Defendant expressly agrees to make timely and complete payments  
27 according to the repayment schedule. Failure to make timely monthly payments may  
28 be deemed a breach of this Agreement.

1 c. Defendant agrees that his obligation to pay restitution of \$1,200 (or  
2 \$1,800 if the Agreement is extended) continues until full restitution is made, and  
3 agrees that he is obligated to pay the entire agreed upon restitution balance regardless  
4 of whether he breaches this Agreement.

5 d. Until Defendant's restitution obligations are paid in full, Defendant  
6 agrees to fully disclose all assets in which Defendant has any interest or over which  
7 Defendant exercises control, directly or indirectly, including those held by a spouse,  
8 nominee, or third party.

9 e. Defendant voluntarily agrees that the United States may  
10 immediately record a lien against all property and rights to property of the Defendant,  
11 which shall be released upon full payment of the restitution balance.

12 f. Defendant agrees that if he fails to make restitution payments as  
13 provided in this Paragraph, the United States shall be entitled to the entry of a money  
14 judgment against the Defendant in the amount of the outstanding balance. The parties  
15 further agree that if a money judgment is entered, the United States shall be entitled to  
16 discovery in aid of collection of the money judgment.

17 g. Defendant understands the Treasury Offset Program ("TOP")  
18 collects delinquent debts owed to federal agencies. If the Defendant fails to make his  
19 restitution payments as agreed in this Paragraph, he shall be enrolled in TOP and TOP  
20 may take all or part of Defendant's federal tax refund, federal retirement benefits, or  
21 other federal benefits and apply these monies to Defendant's restitution obligations.

22 h. Defendant understands that if the Defendant fails to make his  
23 restitution payments as agreed in this Paragraph, the United States may pursue any  
24 available remedies to ensure the restitution obligation is satisfied, including, but not  
25 limited to, garnishment and/or execution against available funds, wages, or assets.

26 9. **Tolling.** Defendant stipulates and agrees to toll the running of all  
27 applicable statutes of limitations and any time-based defenses for the Covered  
28 Conduct. This tolling shall run from the date the Agreement is signed by all parties



1 until the Agreement expires or is terminated by the Court. Defendant stipulates and  
2 agrees that the Agreement's tolling provision does not abridge or curtail the applicable  
3 statute of limitations in any way, but rather extends the applicable statute of  
4 limitations by the period of time that the Agreement is in effect.

5 Defendant further expressly waives indictment and all rights to a speedy  
6 indictment and/or trial pursuant to the Sixth Amendment of the United States  
7 Constitution, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 48(b), and any  
8 applicable Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of  
9 Washington for the period during which this Agreement is in effect.

10 10. **Breach.** If the Court, after a hearing, terminates the Agreement based on  
11 a breach by Defendant, the United States may resume its prosecution against  
12 Defendant as to the charge(s) under investigation, and any additional charges.

13 11. **Admissibility of the Agreement in Prosecution.** In the event that the  
14 Court terminates the Agreement based on a breach by Defendant, Defendant stipulates  
15 and agrees that the Agreement and Defendant's admissions contained therein shall be  
16 admissible against Defendant at any trial, sentencing, or other related proceeding.

17 The United States stipulates and agrees to the following:

18 12. **Deferred Prosecution and Dismissal.** The United States stipulates and  
19 agrees to defer prosecution of the above-captioned matter for a period of 24 months  
20 (or up to 36 months, if the Agreement is extended). When and if Defendant satisfies  
21 all the requirements of the Agreement (including any modifications or extensions), the  
22 United States stipulates will, seek dismissal with prejudice of the Information filed  
23 against Defendant pursuant to this Agreement. Except in the event of a violation by  
24 Defendant of any term of this Agreement, the United States will bring no additional  
25 charges against Defendant relating to Defendant's conduct as described in the  
26 Information and the Covered Conduct set forth above. This agreement does not  
27 provide any protection against prosecution for any crimes except as set forth above.  
28 Defendant and the United States understand that the Court must approve deferral

under the Speedy Trial Act, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(2). Should the Court declined to defer prosecution for any reason: (1) both the United States and Defendant are released from any obligation imposed upon them by this Agreement; and (2) this Agreement shall be null and void, except for the tolling provisions set forth herein.

### III. Approvals and Signatures

Agreed and submitted on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington.

Vanessa R. Waldref  
United States Attorney


  
George J.C. Jacobs, III  
Assistant U.S. Attorney

08/17/2023  
Date

I have read the Agreement and have carefully reviewed and discussed every part of the agreement with my attorney. I understand and voluntarily enter into this. Furthermore, I have consulted with my attorney about my rights, I understand those rights, and I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this case. I understand the terms and conditions of the Agreement and agree to comply with them.

  
Hasanein A. Yaser  
Defendant

8/17/2023  
Date

  
Richard A. Smith  
Attorney for Defendant

8/17/23  
Date

Approved without passing judgment on the merits or wisdom of this diversion.

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United States District Judge

8/17/2023

Date